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SUBJECT: US CANDIDATE FOR INCB

REFERENCE: STATE 96361,

1. ON APRIL 23 A/DCM AND ECONOFF DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE TO MUNIR AKRAM, DIRECTOR FOR UN AFFAIRS AT MFA, REQUESTING GOP SUPPORT FOR ELECTION OF BETTY GOUGH TO INCB. AKRAM'S FIRST REACTION WAS TO QUESTION WHETHER US NOMINATION WAS MADE IN TIME AS HE UNDERSTOOD THAT NOMINATIONS HAD TO BE ANNOUNCED BY A SPECIFIED DATE PRIOR TO THE ELECTION MEETING. AKRAM SAID QUESTION HAD COME TO HIS ATTENTION AT TIME OF NOMINATION OF PAKISTAN'S OWN CANDIDATE. AKRAM SAID THAT HIS MINISTRY'S INSTRUCTIONS ON VOTING HAD ALREADY BEEN ISSUED TO THE PAK ECOSOC DELEGATION BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IF US COULD SUPPORT PAK NOMINATION IN RETURN FOR GOP SUPPORT, FOR ITS CWF, DATE SOME ADJUSTMENT IN INSTRUCTIONS MIGHT BE MADE. EMB PROMISED TO SEEK ANSWER TO TIMELINESS OF US NOMINATION WHILE AKRAM CABLED GOP DELEGATION TO SEEK VIEWS ON PAK VOTING INTENTIONS.

2. PAKISTAN NOMINEE FOR INCB POST IS CHAUDRY ABDUL WAHEED.

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WAHEED WAS RECENTLY RETIRED AFTER ABOUT 30 YEARS SERVICE

WITH PUNJAB EXCISE AND TAXATION DEPT. HIS LAST JOB WAS
DIRECTOR GENERAL AND SECRETARY. HE IS PERSONAL FRIEND
OF RAOOF A
S, CHAIRMAN OF PAKISTAN NARCOTICS CONTROL
BOARD. WAHEED PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN RECENT PNCB/
COLOMBO PACT NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON NARCOTICS AT WHICH TIME
HE IMPRESSED EMB OFFICERS WITH KNOWLEDGE AND PRESENTATION.
HE PRESENTED VERY THOROUGH PAPER ON PAKISTAN DRUG LAWS
AT THAT MEETING. ALTHOUGH KNOWLEDGE OF WAHEED IS
LIMITED, WE BELIEVE HE MIGHT MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION
TO INCB.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER US NOMINATION WAS
FILED WITHIN DEADLINE AND POSSIBILITIES FOR SUPPORT FOR
GOP CANDIDATE.
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